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The Planning Team assembled of Bill Hidell, Project Manager, Tony Blaas of Hidell & Associates Architects, Mark McConnel and Lora Katz of Katz-McConnel Architects and Dr. Florence Mason of F. Mason and Associates (consultants) has worked with a number of clients to define the important current and emerging programmatic needs of libraries and their users and to translate those needs into space requirements. Hidell-Katz McConnel has extensive experience conducting focus groups, community wide surveys and has worked with patron users to translate their needs into library space programming. The Team has prepared market analysis of present and future markets and the assessment of future technology, demographic assessments and the assessment of partnerships with businesses, schools/universities, museum and retail. Clients include Farmington Public Library System, Durango Public Library System, Tucson Pima County Library System, Warren Public Library System, Texarkana Library System, Lafayette Library System and Kent State Library.

In addition, Bill Hidell, AIA, Principal of Hidell and Associates Architects has been providing over 20 years to the development and creation of libraries of excellence. Under his leadership, the firm has grown as library specialists, understanding the unique role of the community library. His continued commitment to professional development and dedication to maintaining current knowledge and expertise in the development and evolution of libraries is exemplified through his participation in the American Library Association as a member of the Architecture for Public Libraries Committee, Functional Space Requirements Committee, and Library Interiors, Furnishings & Equipment Committee. Additionally, Mr. Hidell serves as President Little Elm Community Library Board of Trustees.

Mark McConnel and Lora Katz of Katz-McConnel local design firm provides the day-to-day participation in assisting Hidell Associates with all their local needs ensuring that all aspects of the study are thoroughly understood by the client and by the community. Their long term relationships within Roanoke building consensus that the community will stand behind has been invaluable to the public and private sector.

Dr. Florence Mason a Ph.D., of Library and Information Management and her Associates has been providing consulting services to libraries and information centers since 1990 for strategic long-range planning needs assessments, space needs and building needs assessments, management skills, organizational issues, education and seminar planning, services and technology planning.